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FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES ON  
 11 JAN 67. QUOTE: "SECOND SUPER SECRET JET DAMAGED IN TEST -  
 AN SR-71 EXPERIMENTAL RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT WAS DAMAGED  
 AT EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE TUESDAY WHEN ITS LANDING GEAR FAILED  
 DURING A WET RUNWAY TEST, THE AIR FORCE REPORTED.

LOCKHEED TEST PILOT ART PETERSON WAS NOT INJURED IN THE  
 ACCIDENT ON A RUNWAY WHICH HAD BEEN WET DOWN TO SIMULATE RAINY  
 WEATHER, A SPOKESMAN SAID.

EXTENT OF DAMAGE TO THE SUPER SECRET AIRCRAFT WAS NOT RE-  
 VEALD.

IT WAS THE SECOND ACCIDENT INVOLVING AN SR-71 IN LESS THAT  
 A WEEK. LAST THURSDAY ONE OF THE PLANES CRASHED IN THE DESERT

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NEAR LEITH, NEV. THE BODY OF LOCKHEED TEST PILOT WALTER RAY  
OF CANOGA PARK WAS FOUND 13 MILES FROM THE WRECKAGE. HE APPAR-  
ENTLY HAD EJECTED FROM THE PLANE.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MR. RAY WERE CONDUCTED TUESDAY IN THE  
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, PALMDALE." UNQUOTE;

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